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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, UR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET ANTARCTIC FISHING

REF: STATE 304164

1. DURING COURSE OF MEETING AT U.S.S.R. MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, WHICH WAS CHIEFLY DEVOTED TO OTHER BUSINESS, EMBOFF ASKED THE QUESTION CONTAINED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL. MINFISH REP CLAIMED UNFAMILIARITY WITH THE SUBJECT OF ANTARCTIC FISHING; HOWEVER, HE PROMISED TO CHECK ON SOVIET FIGURES AND PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION TO EMBASSY AFTER NEW YEAR. MINFISH REP NOTED THAT A STATISTICAL YEARBOOK IS PRODUCED EACH YEAR BY MINFISH FOR ITS OWN INTERNAL USE AND HE PROMISED TO TRY TO OBTAIN A COPY FOR EMBASSY. MINFISH REP ASKED WHETHER U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE WITH SOVIETS DATA CONCERNING U.S. FISHING ACTIVITY IN ANTARCTIC, WHICH HE INDICATED MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR SOVIETS TO PROVIDE REQUESTED DATA ON SOVIET FISHERIES.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF TRADITIONAL SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO DIVULGE INFORMATION ON ANTARCTIC FISHERIES (PARA 3, REF) THE MINFISH REP MAY HAVE EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY IN PROMISING TO PROVIDE US WITH SUCH INFORMATION. HOWEVER, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO HOLD SOVIETS TO THEIR WORD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DATA ON ANY U.S. FISHERIES ACTIVITY IN THE ANTARCTIC, WHICH  
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WE COULD GIVE TO SOVIETS IN EXCHANGE FOR EQUIVALENT INFORMATION ON SOVIET ANTARCTIC FISHERIES ACTIVITY. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY AVAILABLE STATISTICAL HANDBOOKS OR OTHER MATERIAL ON U.S. FISHERIES ACTIVITY WHICH WE COULD PROVIDE TO SOVIETS IN EXCHANGE FOR PROMISED SOVIET STATISTICAL YEARBOOK.

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